THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Secretary, Budh Vihar Kalyan Vikas Sangh had forwarded to Chief Postmaster General, Delhi Circle a representation from the residents of Harsh Dev Park wherein the said residents have requested for provision of post office facility.

(b) In urban areas, a new post office has to be financially self-supporting to begin with, and after the first year, yield a profit of 5%. Further no, new post office is opened within 1.5 kms. of an existing post office.

Vaccinators in MCD

1842. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many Vaccinators in the MCD have been working on the same post for the last 27-28 years ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of them are still holding temporary posts ; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to remove the stagnation and also for confirming these Vaccinators?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Out of 38 vaccinators recruited under the Small Pox Eradication Scheme till 1962, only 9 could not be promoted. After eradication of Small Pox in the country, the Small Pox Eradication Scheme was discontinued in 1977. Since then the services of the vaccinators who became surplus are being utilised in other health activities from time to time.

Pending applications for Telephone connections at Ludhiana, Punjab

1843. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of applicants waiting for telephone connections at Ludhiana, Punjab, year-wise ;

(b) whether the applicants who have been registered with the telephone authorities in the years 1982 and 1983 have not been allotted the telephone connections ; and

(c) by when Government propose to provide the said connections to such applicants?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Year-wise No. of the applicants waiting for telephone connection at Ludhiana are as under :-

1982	1002
1983	1812
1984	1888
1985	2060
1986	1839
1987	2578
1988	4048
1989	8551
Upto 28th February, 1990 .	2071
TOTAL	52842